



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1648**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HOVANESSIAN et al.

Application No.: 10/820,816

Filed: April 9, 2004

For: **NOVEL SYNTHETIC PEPTIDE  
VACCINES FOR HIV: THE CBD  
EPIOTOPE AS AN EFFECTIVE  
IMMUNOGEN TO ELICIT BROADLY  
NEUTRALIZING ANTIBODIES AGAINST  
HIV**

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**Sir:**

## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 1, 2007, the period for response having been extended to November 1, 2007, by a request for extension of 3 months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.